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\$200,000 LEAP: Donald Lewis of Detroit leaps and shouts as he learns that he has won \$200,000 in the weekly Michigan Lottery. The Thursday drawing was held in a shopping plaza at Okemos, Mich. Lewis, a driver at Chrysler, plans to quit his job and move to Florida. A piece of paper he was holding flew out of his hand. (AP Wirephoto)

Clark Employee At Buchanan Wins \$50,000

Hoosier Pair Will Be Careful Spending Bonanza

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BUCHANAN—The family of a Clark Equipment company employe in Buchanan has received a \$50,000 Christmas present courtesy of the state of Michigan.

A Michigan lottery ticket purchased by Clark employe Marion Litka at Gambles in Buchanan produced a \$50,000 prize at yesterday's drawing in Okemos near Lansing.

The prize, one of nine of \$50,000, was topped only by the \$200,000 first place prize won at the drawing by Donald Lewis, a 33-year-old Detroit auto worker.

The 13 contestants in yesterday's drawing were

selected for the drawing and guaranteed at least \$10,000 by holding a ticket with two winning numbers in the Dec. 14 lottery.

Litka, who has worked for Clark nine years, is a resident of South Bend. He and his wife, Geraldine, have three children, the youngest a high school senior.

The winning ticket was actually held by Litka's wife. Litka had distributed eight tickets purchased for the Dec. 14 lottery among family members.

Believably, Mrs. Litka says she couldn't believe it when she learned she had a shot at the \$200,000 prize and a guaranteed \$10,000.

How does she feel about winning \$50,000? "It's a good feeling," she says. "I didn't expect more than \$10,000."

The Litkas have no definite plans for the prize money except to do some things around the house that need attention. Plans for the money, Mrs. Litka says, "have to be thought out carefully."

"The winnings are family winnings," she added.

Are the Litkas going to buy more tickets? "Certainly," the winner said, "I'd like to make a trip to Lansing every month."

Unlike lottery winners who reside in Michigan, the Litkas will have to pay Indiana state tax on their prize. Mrs. Litka thought the state tax would amount to about two percent. The prize is also subject to federal taxation.

The eight other \$50,000 winners in yesterday's drawing were Thomas L. Cummings of Clio, Margaret LaChance of Farmington, Alexander Terpay of Leshie, Keith E. Double of Hillsdale, Philip R. Anderson of Grand Rapids, Raymond J. Habert of Hazel Park, Lloyd G. Simpson of Mount Clemens and Vernon A. Bauer of Big Rapids.

Winners of \$10,000 each were Eugene Sierza of St. Clair Shores, Phyllis Kirksey of Ferndale and Clara B. Wiatt of Sterling Heights.

A total of \$680,000 was given among 13 contestants yesterday. A 14th contestant dropped out due to a death in the family and will compete in a later drawing.

Lewis, the top winner, said he will use part of the money to pay off the mortgage on his mother's house in Florida.

He said he was thinking of retiring from his \$4.35 an hour job as a lift truck driver at Chrysler corporation.



WINNING TEAM: A Michigan lottery ticket purchased in Buchanan by Marion Litka, a Clark Equipment company employe, and held by his wife, Geraldine, produced \$50,000 for the couple at a drawing yesterday. The Litkas, South Bend residents, have three children. Mrs. Litka was one of 14 persons who earned the right to compete in yesterday's drawing by holding a ticket with two winning numbers in the Dec. 14 lottery. (Staff photo)

Governor Vetoes Early Retirement

Risks Lawmakers' Wrath

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Risking the wrath of many legislators, Gov. William G. Milliken has vetoed a bill to give lawmakers the option to retire at full pension at age 55 with at least 16 years of service.

The governor said late Thursday the bill would have created conflicts with retire-

ment systems for state employes and teachers which do not have the age 55 provision.

House Speaker William Ryan did not agree with the veto action, saying he felt "the bill is easily justifiable."

It would take a two-thirds vote of the present legislature to overturn the governor's veto.

Today formally ends the 1972 legislature with a brief call to order, but a quorum that would be necessary to override the governor was not in the works.

Milliken also said it violated the spirit of the State Officers Compensation Commission ruling that no salary increases are to be given legislators and oth-

er elected state officials for the 1973-74 period.

Additionally, he said there were some indications "that the pension proposal might be in violation of federal wage-price guidelines. Although I am awaiting a formally-requested ruling from the Internal Revenue Service on this question, I would not veto this bill solely on this issue."

"I understand the legislature is planning to undertake an adequately-staffed study of retirement plans," Milliken said.

"I think it would be appropriate for all of the state retirement provisions to be examined at the same time, and that improvements, within existing resources and within the federal wage-price guidelines, be considered in all systems including the legislative pension," Milliken said.

"This also would be an appropriate time to give long overdue attention to improvements for unclassified employes," he said.

Asked in an interview after his action if he thought it might hurt his legislative programs, such as the expected crisis in financing Detroit schools and others in financial trouble, Milliken said:

"I'm confident the legislature is objective enough and concerned enough about education and other issues to deal with those questions, on the basis of their merit and no

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Show Of Sympathy Touches Mourning Truman Women

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP)—Harry S. Truman's widow and daughter, "touched by the outpouring of sympathy and affection from citizens everywhere," have expressed their appreciation to those who joined them in mourning for the 33rd president.

In a statement made public after Truman was buried late Thursday in the courtyard of his presidential library, Bess Truman and her daughter, Margaret Daniel, said they were "impressed by both the dignity of the ceremonies and the warmth of the tribute paid to Mr. Truman."

The ceremonies of Wednesday and Thursday were solemn and simple. Thousands viewed Truman's casket as he lay in state before the funeral attended mostly by family and hometown friends.

The tributes will continue. A memorial service will be held Jan. 5 in Washington's National Cathedral for the Man from Independence who died Tuesday at 88. And the nation's flags, by President Nixon's order, will continue to fly at half staff for another 26 days.

Randall Jesse, the long-time friend who acted as the family spokesman through the days of Truman's final illness and burial, said the 87-year-old widow expects to continue making her home in the white frame house where the Trumans spent most of the 53 years of their marriage. The home is about a half mile from Truman's gravesite.

Mrs. Truman's widowed sister-in-law, May Wallace, lives nearby.

Jesse told newsmen he was deeply moved by Mrs. Truman's composure as she sat before her husband's casket dur-

ing Thursday's final rites.

"Anyone who watched her face couldn't help but admire her," he said.

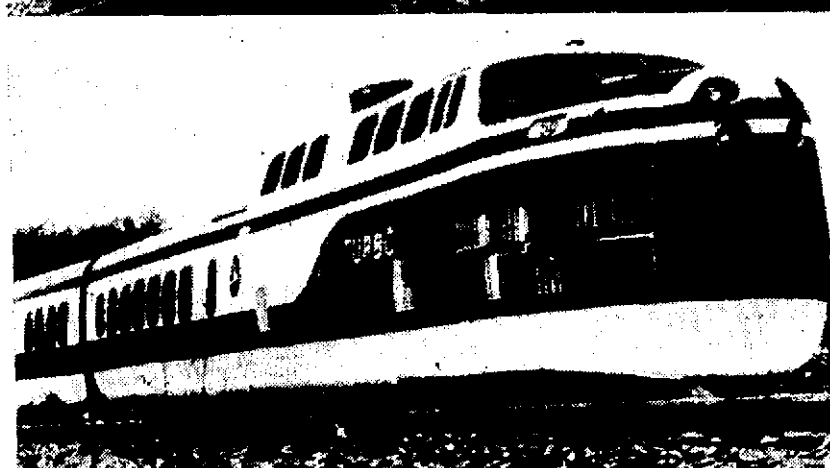
Seated beside Margaret, hatless and in a simple black coat, Bess watched almost motion-

less as the final honors were performed over the brown mahogany casket.

At one point she reached for a handkerchief and her daughter (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



MOMENT OF COMFORT: Margaret Truman Daniel comforts her mother, Mrs. Bess Truman, during funeral services for former President Harry S. Truman at Truman Library in Independence, Mo., Thursday. (AP Wirephoto)



HIGH SPEED FOR MIDWEST: These are the two types of high-speed turbine passenger trains Amtrak said today it's planning to run on Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Louis-Chicago routes by next summer. At top is a French-built train; bottom is one by United Aircraft. Amtrak plans to operate two of each. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Castro Dangling The Olive Branch

Several months ago Fidel Castro said relations between Cuba and the U.S. could improve after Richard Nixon left office. The Cuban premier has maintained a personal vendetta with the American President because of the latter's hard line stance against the island's Communist regime.

Hatred in no way has turned into love, but since Nixon renewed his lease on the White House this past November 7th, some feelings have been emanating from Havana which indicate a wish to thaw the chilly relations between the two countries.

Though the approaches are indirect, our State Department, in the words of one of its Latin American experts, "is always willing to listen to anyone who wants to talk."

One sidwinder appeared recently in a Castro remark that it could be mutually beneficial to arrange some means to handle the skyjacking of American commercial aircraft. He suggested a two-way extradition process. Cuba would return the skyjacks and their loot if the U.S. would deport Castro exiles.

Discussions are proceeding slowly and obliquely on the plan because of legal complexities and also probably because of a Washington feeling the Cuban leader is touting some political blackmail.

The talks, however, could broaden out to what Castro calls "other issues," and by way of preparing for that forward leap he has already told U.S. visitors he is not interested in ousting our country from the Guantanamo naval base. This has been a sore point to Washington since Castro came to power in 1959.

In these chats with several U.S. businessmen and technicians, he has stressed the adjective, "realistic."

There is also a substantive element in his "realism."

A round house definition of the terms means Castro wants official recognition of his regime and some kind of guaranty that Washington will not look upon his intrigues in other Latin American countries as a breach of the Monroe Doctrine.

Though the reader may consider this an attitude of him getting and our country giving, to Castro it is renouncing his proclamation following the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion that Cuba would make her own way in the world and the U.S. might as well move itself to the moon.

Behind Castro's overture is the hard fact that life in Cuba has a Tobacco Road atmosphere which shows no sign of lifting. Prior to the 1959 revolution, Cuba's cash crops were sugar and tourism, both

marketed almost exclusively to the U.S. Its inhabitants depended heavily on imports for their necessities of life.

The American economic blockade of the island has seriously unbalanced that fulcrum.

Castro has had a barter arrangement with the Kremlin for several years, but this replacement has been disappointing. Russian machinery and equipment for Cuban sugar has not worked.

The Soviets have underpriced the sugar and much of their exported material arrives with missing parts and in designs totally unfit for the job it is supposed to do.

In the past three seasons this lopsided agreement has worsened for Castro. Between drought and inept harvesting methods the sugar yield has dropped to half of what it was when Batista ran the country.

Developing other crops to improve the Cuban diet has floundered badly.

Without saying it in so many words, Castro wants some American know how, equipment and money.

Reports filtering out of Cuba do not indicate the natives as being restless with Castro. Far from it. He is one of the few political leaders in the world holding their position by force who is genuinely liked by his countrymen.

The question undoubtedly in his mind is what might happen to the Castro philosophy if he is no longer at hand to personify it.

Getting Cuba up from the ground economically would be the best insurance policy Castro could take out.

He is turning to the U.S. as the underwriter because trade with other countries is unsatisfactory.

Cuba has little to offer in exchange for badly needed imports and like Russia the non-Communist nations want something for their commodities.

In short, Castro is adopting the role of a prodigal son wanting to come home but for the sake of pride insisting that the father issue the invitation.

The White House has given no indication yet on what it may do with Castro's appeal, but the situation parallels the recent trade deal with Russia and Nixon's visit to Red China.

Cuba's proximity to the U.S. mainland and Latin America narrows the comparison.

There is room for "realism," but Washington must make certain it is a 50-50 deal, not Castro's lopsided conception of it.

Reworked Disaster

A new book on the sinking of the British liner Lusitania off the coast of Ireland in 1915 "reveals" that the vessel carried a cargo of munitions that wasn't listed as such. Sailing from New York to Liverpool, she was sunk by a German submarine with a loss of 1,198 lives, including many Americans.

This has been hinted before, but each time a new book is written stronger "evidence" must be presented if only to bolster sales of the volume. This book will

Novel Course

A withdrawal course for automobile addicts is being offered by the University of Hawaii. Those who successfully complete it will be granted two credits, comparatively easy as far as classroom

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

JOINS STAFF ATCOURTHOUSE

— 1 Year Ago —

A new fulltime assistant prosecutor joins the Berrien prosecutor's office Monday.

He's Edward L. Skinner, 30, of Grosse Pointe Park near Detroit, a 1971 cum laude graduate of Wayne State university Law school with prior experience in personnel, employment management and the corporate field. Prosecutor Ronald T. Taylor said Skinner will fill a \$12,800-a-year post as newly-authorized half-time

prosecutor in the child support division, and half-time in the criminal division.

BEAR TANKERS BEAT WASHINGTON

— 10 Years Ago —

The St. Joseph Bears finally won a swim meet in a South Bend pool when they scored at 64½-30½ victory over Washington.

Scott DeGroff was a double winner for the Bears taking the 50 yard free style and the 100 yard butterfly. Bill Preston was also a two-timer winning the distance events, the 200 and

400 yard freestyle.

NAZI FLEET TAKES BEATING

— 29 Years Ago —

A brilliant new victory in the British navy's campaign to destroy the last effective strength of the German fleet — the sinking by combined warship and air action of three German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay and crippling of others — was announced today.

A joint admiralty and air ministry communique telling of these blows in southern waters off the coast of France followed by only a few hours publication of the full story of the sinking of the German battleship Scharnhorst in the cold Arctic.

COLD WINTER

— 39 Years Ago —

While wintry blasts whipped much of the North American continent, the twin cities had a low of 8 above zero. It was 15 below at the Soo.

OPEN SHOP

— 49 Years Ago —

Mrs. Cordella E. Baker has opened a beauty shop in one of the basement apartments of the Halffield building.

BUYSHOME

— 59 Years Ago —

John Heppier has bought a new house on Napier avenue, recently built by C. A. White.

GALA EVENING

— 81 Years Ago —

Never have the young people of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor been entertained more handsomely than they were Wednesday by Miss May Graham and Miss Grace Merchant at the home of Miss Graham. At 9 o'clock, dancing was begun. At half after ten, ices were served. Mrs. Sesser, Mrs. Merchant and Mrs. Burke, served. Miss Eunice Merchant assisted at the reception.

Film Critics Announce Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie" has been voted best picture of the year by the National Society of Film Critics. Its director, Luis Bunuel, was named best director of 1972.

Cicely Tyson, who played the stalwart mother in "Sounder" won the best actress award and Al Pacino's performance in "The Godfather" won him best actor award.

The sixth annual awards were announced by Hallis Alpert, World Magazine critic and 1972 chairman of the society, which is composed of 23 newspaper and magazine critics.

The award for best supporting actress went to Jeannie Berlin of "The Heartbreak Kid" and the best supporting actor role ended in a tie between Joel Gray of "Cabaret" and Eddie Albert of "The Heartbreak Kid."

Ingmar Bergman won the award for best screenplay with "Cries and Whispers," which also won Sven Nykist the award for best cinematography.

The group also made its first two Rosenthal Foundation awards of \$2,000 for films considered outstanding but not yet recognized by the public.

One award went to Claude Jutra for "My Uncle Antoine" and the other was shared by Ivan Passer, the director responsible for "Born to Win" and by Robert Kaylor, director of "Derby."

NEW POLICE CHIEF
MUSKOGEE, Mich. (AP) — Sgt. Thomas Kelenske, 28, of Norton Shores, has been named Chief of Police for nearby Roosevelt Park.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

WE NEED A COMMON GOAL

Editor,

In these days true values are not generally seen through the appearance of material tangibles. Much of our time is spent viewing superficially the condition of our world.

In so viewing the world superficially, we find many conditions of disorder, such as, pollution, war, over population, increased crime and economical slumps. Needless to say, in all appearances it does seem to threaten our environment in the coming years. The outward state of things as they exist today is a product of the human and his failure to work inwardly within his own being.

What we as a human family must do to overcome these conditions is to internalize our energies or thoughts to the common good of all. Each of us is linked — through our mind and emotions to inner levels of awareness, to higher consciousness, to the sources of Life and to the whole universe. Each of us is part of a great inner vehicle system of relationships, conducted through some electrical means or impulse throughout the entire earth, and other systems.

It is through the focussed and controlled use of the mind and the emotions, that conditions that now exist can be better improved for a healthier environment.

Many times we try to handle or remove these conditions at the effect end, (or the surface of), but this is not really getting to the cause of the problem. To reconstruct outwardly, we

must first reconstruct our inward thoughts, in all areas, where the source or cause of the problem usually begins.

We must become a world society of pure reason, through which the self is laid aside for the betterment of the whole.

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Chou Issues

Warning To U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chinese Premier Chou En-lai has asked that the American people be told U.S. bombing of North Vietnam would have an adverse effect on Sino-American relations. The Washington Post reported today.

The premier made the request to Post reporter Marilyn Berger on Thursday night in Peking before a banquet given for Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, the Viet Cong's chief negotiator at the Paris peace talks.

Bruce Biosat

Affluence Offers No Challenge



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Affluence seems to have brought with it a painful paradox. It is surprisingly problem-ridden, and yet to most people it offers no great, stimulating challenge.

I touched upon this lack of challenge in a prior report some weeks ago, without stressing the paradox.

If affluence has indeed brought its own kind of problems, and perhaps highlighted some old ones, how can we say there is no challenge?

It strikes me that the climate, the attitudes and the very language of affluence have combined, in this country at least, to convince us all that the big challenges are gone.

From the early New Deal days, Americans learned that enlarging government could venture into social programs successfully, bringing human betterment with them. Dependence upon government grew strongly.

From at least the post-World War II era, industry's new technologies — founded on rapidly multiplying scientific advances — have helped to spread more and more material things before us.

And industry's advertisers have drummed into our ears for decades the idea that all these riches are "easy" to come by. Count the times in a day or week when a seller, speaking through a television commercial, tells you either how easy it is to acquire his product, or how much easier it will make your life if you do.

Somehow, out of this mix of full-hearted assurances from both government and industry,

Americans have grown to believe that they were being taken care of by others — and should be.

There is a monumental flood of things, easy at hand, inflation notwithstanding. Crime has many causes, but this is surely one. Why should anyone, listening to beckoning calls from the makers of attractive things, want to be left out? So, some of those who can't buy simply go out and take.

Indelible is one memory of the black riots of the 1960s: looters in "deprived" areas running off not with food (as some did), but with color television sets — to keep and use.

But, riding on this flood of goods, come the problems: The new ones related to abundance — too many people jostling each other for a place at the mountain of riches, the fouling of the earth by the deadly byproducts of heavy output, the boredom of the easy life, the unaccountable breakdown of basic services in a time of plenty. The old ones, lingering poverty, inescapable economic dislocations following upon changing tastes or diminishing resources, and the built-in boredom of the factory line and the office clerk's desk.

In an affluent world where everything is expected except problems, this astonishing cluster of difficulties has brought Americans to massive disenchantment and distrust.

The problems are ours, but they are not seen as ours to solve. Someone else — government, industry, you name it — has that burden. For a third of a century or more, Americans have been told it was that way.

Marianne Meigs

Laird Has Eye On White House



WASHINGTON (KFS) — Melvin R. Laird may be out to break the jinx of Secretary of Defense as a political deadend. Laird, who steps down from his post as Pentagon boss next month, is authoritatively reported to be interested in seeking the 1976 Republican Presidential nomination.

Laird has said he will give himself three months of leisure in which to determine his next move. But associates believe he is inclined toward one of two courses.

The first is a bold, novel and possibly impractical approach to the White House. The second involves the traditional path through his home state governorship or Senate seat in 1976.

Under the first plan, Laird would take a prominent job in private industry or the academic world for ap-

proximately one year, speaking out on national issues at every appropriate opportunity. Then he would announce his Presidential candidacy and embark upon a three-year campaign.

No one has ever spent that long in open pursuit of the White House, although many would-be candidates in the past have devoted that much time to private maneuverings. Sen. George McGovern broke the customary pattern, however, by announcing his candidacy 18 months in advance of the Democratic National Convention. He decided he could not wait until shortly before the primaries to announce because he was not well known nationally and needed public exposure and attention.

Laird has an identification problem similar to that of McGovern. His name is not exactly a household word. But he would lack in his Presidential campaign the built-in forum of the Senate which McGovern was able to use. It might be difficult for Laird to sustain a national campaign without some other official role to lend weight to his positions.

The second plan would involve running against Democratic incumbents. Gov. Patrick Lucey or Sen. Gaylord Nelson in Wisconsin in two years. If he won, that would solve the problem of a forum.

The risks are high. If he loses, he is out of the box for the Presidential contest. Laird was a popular Congressman from the state for 16 years and at the time he was named Defense Secretary in 1968 was the influential chairman of the House Republican Caucus.

APPEAL PLANNED

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — A Washtenaw County Circuit Court judge's decision to block an Ann Arbor ward reapportionment plan will be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, the city's attorney has announced.

BERRY'S WORLD



That's a new talk show record—136 'ya knows' in fifteen minutes!

Road Commission Slates Open House

The Berrien County Road commission's new central office and garage will be displayed publicly at an open house Saturday, Jan. 6 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The facility, completed in early November, is located on Yore avenue, just off Napier avenue, in Benton township.

Three members of the county road commission and salaried employees will guide tours of the \$607,292 center. The public is invited.

According to Heath Calvin, commission engineer manager, the building complex has 40,730 square feet of floor space, nearly double the space the commission had at its former site on Milton street, Benton Harbor. He said the added space will relieve severe overcrowding and provide a more modern shop for maintenance of trucks and specialized equipment.

The importance of the road commission is reflected in the

fact that, during the year ending Dec. 31, it spent \$3.74 million for construction and maintenance of a 1,440-mile network of county roadways.

The complex was paid for when the commission moved in. Capital expenditure funds had been set aside for five years in preparation for the new construction, according to Calvin.

Floor space in the new center is divided thus: 6,350 square feet for office space; 21,780 square feet for a garage; and

12,000 square feet for the maintenance shop.

General contractor for the project was Dosca-Smith Associates, Kalamazoo. Ideal Plumbing Co., Benton Harbor, installed plumbing and heating; Beaudoin Electrical Construction Co., St. Joseph, wired the complex. Concrete work was performed by John Yerington Concrete Co., Benton Harbor; and Consumers Asphalt Paving Co., of Benton Harbor, paved the completed site.

I&M Customers Set New Usage Record

Load Growth Results In Continued Expansion Of Facilities



JOHN BANYON
I. & M. Division Chief

Residential customers of Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. continued to establish new records for electricity usage in 1972.

Home owners and apartment dwellers in the Benton Harbor division—Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Buchanan and neighboring communities—each now require an average of nearly 10,100 kilowatt-hours annually, or 25 per cent more than the national average, according to John Banyon, I&M Benton Harbor division

manager. More than 13 per cent of the utility's residential customers are living in electrically-heated homes and apartments, he added.

Residential load growth, coupled with increasing requirements by commercial and industrial customers, has resulted in a continuing heavy schedule of new and expanded substations, transmission and distribution facilities to accommodate this growth, Banyon said.

Banyon noted the first 1.1 million kilowatt unit at I&M's Donald C. Cook nuclear generating plant at Bridgman is scheduled to go into service before the close of 1973.

With customers more than doubling their electric power needs every decade, Banyon said, there will be a ready market for the 1.1 million kilowatts.

In anticipation of the late 1973 operation of the nuclear plant, a 1.5 million kilowatt substation was completed at the Lake Michigan site during the past year. It links with the high-voltage network interconnecting I&M's Olive station near New Carlisle, Ind., and Consumers Power Co.

During the past year, I&M also —Strengthened the sub-transmission system serving the twin cities area by increasing transformer capacity at the Riverside station to 50,000 kilowatts.

—Improved the Eighth street station to provide maximum service reliability to major area industrial customers like Benton Harbor Malleable Industries, Superior Steel Castings Co., Modern Plastics and New Products Corp.

—Doubled transformer capacity at the Langley station to accommodate growing power loads in the St. Joseph area.

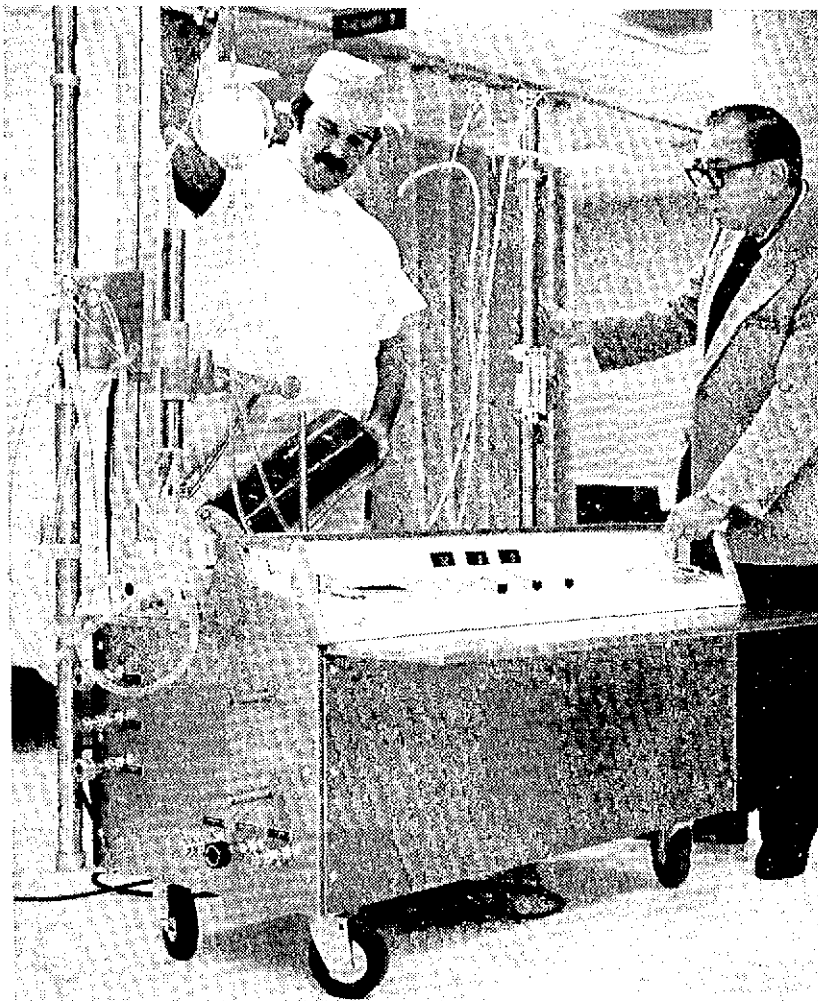
—Built a new 20,000 kilowatt transformer at Main street station in Benton Harbor to reduce the load on the existing 4,000-volt network serving downtown.

—Doubled transformer capacity at Crystal station to make more power available for parts of Pipestone Industrial park, Lake Michigan college, Fairplain Plaza and Mercy hospital.

—Completed a new 7,500 kilowatt station northeast of Benton Harbor to strengthen power distribution to Hagar township, Riverside and Lake Michigan Beach areas.

—Made major improvements at the South Haven station and completed a new Derby station southeast of Stevensville.

—Added a 115,000 kilowatt transformer at Pokagon station in Niles.



VIEW HEART-LUNG MACHINE: David Parrott (left), and C. T. Loftus, unveil Mercy hospital's recently purchased \$13,000 heart-lung machine. The machine completely replaces heart and lung functions during open heart surgery. Mercy hospital expects to begin open heart surgery Jan. 9. Parrott is being trained as pump technician and will be responsible for properly maintaining patients on machine during operations. Loftus is executive vice president of Mercy hospital. (Staff Photo)

Landlords Say They Have Pact On Inspections

United Landlords of Berrien County have reached agreement with the City of Benton Harbor for modification of rental inspection procedures, according to Ernest Huckaba, president of the property owners organization.

Huckaba said the agreement calls for inspection of rental units once a year instead of inspection every time units are re-rented.

The annual inspection would apply only to units that are in compliance with building codes, Huckaba said. Those that are substandard would be inspected until there is compliance with orders.

Huckaba said tenants also would have the right to request inspections and so would landlords.

Less stringent inspection practices have been a key demand of landlords since they organized early this year as United Landlords of Benton Harbor. The name was changed recently to United Landlords of Berrien County when the organization expanded. Membership is now 103.

Attempts by this morning to reach city officials for confirmation were unsuccessful. Huckaba said the agreement was reached after a series of

meetings over several months between committees representing the landlords and the city.

Implementing the agreement apparently would mean that the city rental inspection ordinance would have to be amended. That matter is not on the agenda for the city commission meeting Jan. 2, although Huckaba said he understood the agreement is to take effect the first of the year.

Husband Accused In Death

A Benton township man charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of his wife Nov. 15 requested a preliminary hearing when arraigned Thursday in Fifth district court.

Raymond Renecker, 67, of 969 Enders street, is accused of causing the death of his wife, Dovie, 72, by beating her. Officially, Mrs. Renecker's death was a result of a blood clot on the brain, according to Dr. Gerald Able, medical examiner.

Sgt. Raymond Frye, of Benton township police, said Renecker was returned Wednesday night by police from Lansing where he had been living with a brother. Sgt. Frye said a warrant was obtained from the prosecutor's office about two weeks after Mrs. Renecker died in Mercy hospital. Police said neighbors told them she had been beaten before by her husband.

Renecker claims his wife, a diabetic, sustained bruises during seizures.

Mrs. Renecker was admitted to the hospital in a coma at 8:40 a.m. Nov. 15 after Renecker called an ambulance. According to police, she died at 10:45 a.m. the same day.

In addition to manslaughter, Renecker is charged with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. He was remanded to the county jail to await the preliminary examination, in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

State Boundary Hearing Feb. 27 For SJ, Township

The State Boundary commission will hold a hearing 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 in Berrien County courthouse on the boundary straightening petition of the City of St. Joseph.

Presiding over the meeting will be David Calhoun, Huntington Woods, chairman of the commission. The other two members of the state board, appointed by the governor are Irving Rozian, Plymouth, and Al VanderLaan of Caledonia.

The two Berrien county representatives appointed by the probate judge are Max Petzke of St. Joseph and Oscar Weidner of Benton Harbor.

The city of St. Joseph months ago petitioned the state boundary commission for permission to annex a portion of St. Joseph township in what was described as a test case in boundary straightening. The city proposed the new

boundary be a ravine south of St. Joseph drive, and Hilltop road. By doing this property producing \$240,500 in taxes would be shifted from township jurisdiction to the city. About 35 acres is involved. It contains commercial property bounded by St. Joseph drive, South State street, Hilltop road and the ravine south of St. Joseph drive east of Niles avenue. Also included is a square parcel of land at the corner of Hilltop road and Cleveland avenue occupied by the St. Joseph Branch of First Federal Savings and Loan of Niles.

A commission spokesman said the boundary hearings are usually held in the evening so that more people can attend. "St. Joseph Township officials have branded the annexation attempt as a 'land grab.' The township attorney, John Crow, originally filed suit to bar the hearing on the grounds the boundary law is unconstitutional. The injunction was lifted without limiting the township from pressing that point. Presumably if the boundary commission rules in favor of the township this point would not be pressed but it would be if the commission rules in favor of the city."

Title Omitted

August Brogno is newly appointed director of manufacturing and director of materials at Whirlpool's St. Joseph Division. Yesterday's account of his appointment omitted the title of director of materials. As director of materials he replaces Jack Stafford who will become director of manufacturing engineering. The appointments are effective Jan. 2.

Probate Petition Is Filed

A petition has been filed in Berrien probate court to probate the \$73,500 estate of Richard Peter Kesterke, 34, of Hagar township, who died Dec. 15.

Mr. Kesterke was owner of the Washmobile car wash in St. Joseph. His wife, the former Kay Zerbel, preceded him in death in 1969.

Mr. Kesterke's 1972 will bequeaths personal property to two daughters, Randi Kay and Kerri Lynn, and real estate to a trust fund at Inter-City bank with his daughters as beneficiaries.

Benton Rezoning Reports Held Up Pending Hearings

Committee reports scheduled for last night at the Benton township planning commission on rezoning requests for a \$3.45 million apartment complex and an auto dealership in Fairplain were not given. Members said they wanted to hear public opinion before making a report.

The rezoning requests are being made by William Armstrong, representing Edward Rose & Sons of Kalamazoo, and W. L. Klum, owner of Klum-Olds Cadillac in Benton Harbor.

Rose & Sons are seeking rezoning of 7.5 acres behind Jewel-Osco on Napier avenue and St. Augustine church property on Union street to the northern boundaries of Fairplain East school.

The company wants to construct a 371-unit apartment complex on a total of 17.2 acres, 9.7 acres of which are already properly zoned for the buildings. The requested rezoning is from A-2 residential to C-multiple family.

Klum wants to move his present business from 640 West Main street Benton Harbor, to 5.6 acres on Napier avenue just west of Union street.

Robert Nametz, the only member of the three-man committee studying both requests present at last night's meeting, urged those making the requests to seek public hearings on the proposals. He said, "Sometimes a committee will turn down something they shouldn't before hearing what the public has to say."

Rose & Sons have already petitioned for public hearing. It will be held Jan. 25. If Klum files his request today, as he plans, the first public hearing on his request will also be Jan. 25.

In other action last night, planners heard a committee report against the rezoning from D-1 commercial to F-heavy industrial of land at 3135 M-139. J. V. Burkett wants the rezoning to build an asphalt hot plant.

Factors cited against rezoning were that it would detract from the beauty of the land, be spot zoning, and possibly pollute the St. Joseph river and the air.

Burkett said new blacktop-producing equipment, and strict federal anti-pollution laws, would insure against the plant polluting. He also indicated he plans to immediately petition for a public hearing. The hearing will probably be held Jan. 25.

Planners also tabled a special use permit request by Rev. Edward Head to use one side of a two-family dwelling at 3125 Territorial road for a church. Rev. Head is hoping to establish a branch of the First Pentecostal Freewill Baptist church here.

The request was tabled until Rev. Head conducts a poll of area residents on their views of a church being established, and until he receives a definite

Sleet Coats Roads, Causes Car Crashes

Freezing rain created hazardous driving conditions in some areas of southwestern Michigan this morning, and was cited by state police at Paw Paw as responsible for several accidents on I-94.

The rain began at about 6 a.m. in most areas, and was said by police agencies to have begun freezing at about 8.

Apparently eastern Van Buren county and Allegan county were the hardest hit, with slippery road conditions reported on I-94 and high winds reported in Allegan, Berrien and Cass counties were less seriously affected, with police agencies reporting roads wet but not icy and no traffic problems.

Van Buren sheriff's deputies reported traffic slowed to 35 miles per hour in some places between Kalamazoo and Paw Paw.

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Party Open To Public

The German-American National Congress (DANK) will open its New Year's Eve party to the public Sunday night.

The doors will open at 7:30 at the DANK hall on Pipestone road, Sodus township, and dancing will start at 8:30. The Spitzers band will play for dancing. Food and refreshments will be available.

NOT RUNNING AGAIN SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. AP) — Mayor Marvin Dahlman said Thursday he would not seek a second term when his two-year term expires next April.

Area School Integration Idea Shelved

A proposal to make three area school districts and 24 other districts in the state targets of possible state action to force integration of students apparently has been shelved by

the state Civil Rights commission.

A spokesman for the commission in Detroit said no action on the proposal is planned now. It was recom-

mended in March by the commission staff and submitted to the commission in May.

Under the proposal, the commission staff would have

investigated the 27 with authority to file legal action to force them to develop desegregation plans, if necessary.

Benton Harbor, Cassopolis

and Covert districts in southwestern Michigan were named among the districts.

The commission spokesman said that the commission in May decided no action would be

taken on the proposal until public hearings were held in the communities. She added that some hearings had been scheduled, but then cancelled. No new hearings are planned, she said.

State Police Course Is Completed By Six Men From Area

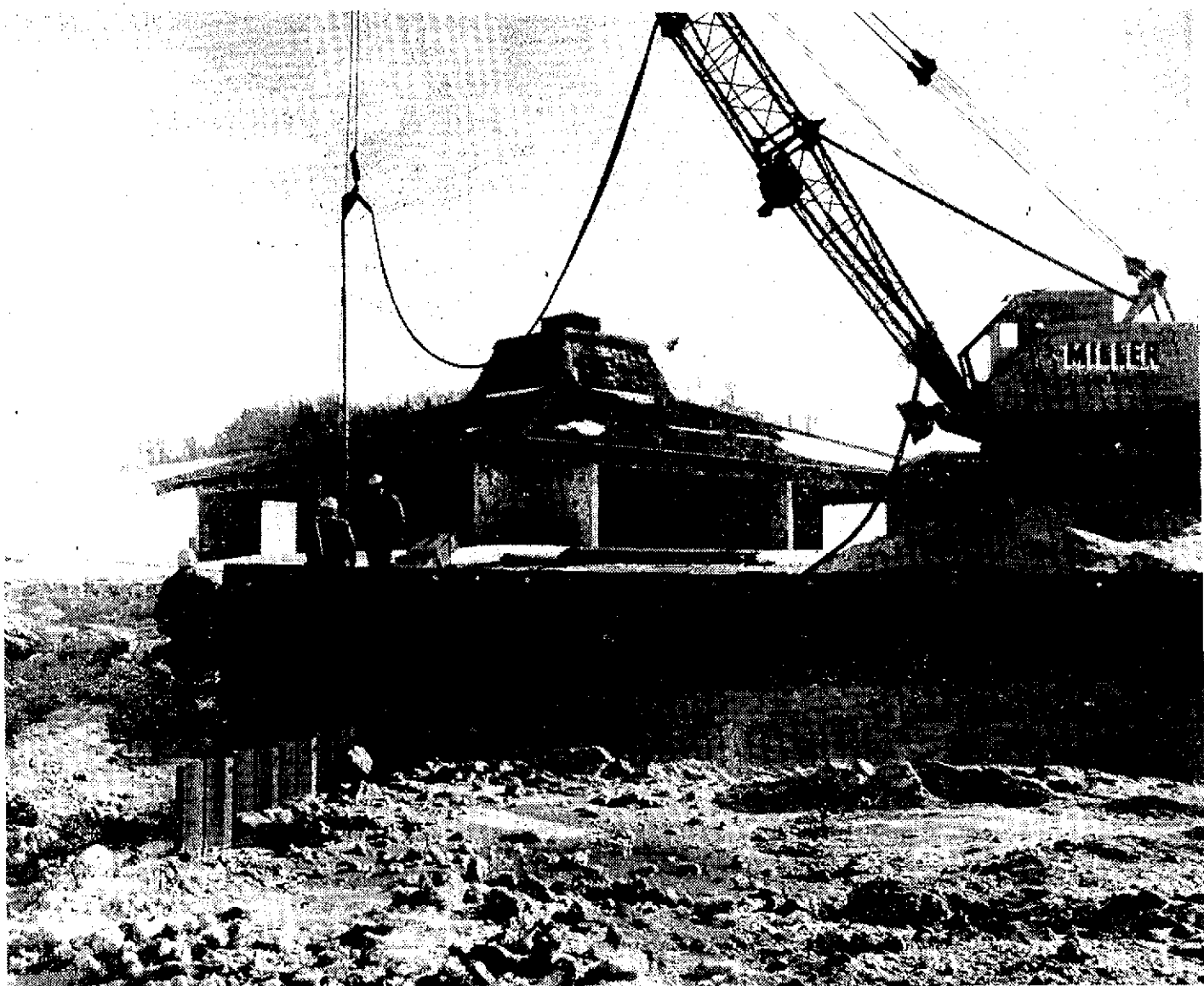
EAST LANSING — Six men from southwestern Michigan have graduated from the state police training school and have been given post assignments.

The six were among 64 new troopers, third largest recruit class in department history, who completed 13 weeks training. Post assignments were announced by Lt. Col. Forrest J. Jacob, field services director.

New troopers, with assignment, include:

John F. Behnke, Three Oaks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Behnke, Sawyer, assigned to Jackson; William G. Hall Jr., Niles, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hall Sr., route 1, Wells street, Dowagiac, assigned to Rockford; John F. Kenny Jr., Niles, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kenny Sr., 525 Bond street, Niles, assigned to

Wayland; Daniel J. Roester III, St. Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Roester Jr., East Hanley drive, St. Joseph, assigned to West Branch; William W. Porter Jr., Bangor, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Porter Sr., route 2, Bangor, assigned to Niles; and Lee E. Webb, Niles, son of Mrs. Love L. Webb, Cleveland, O., assigned to Detroit.



EROSION BATTLE: A \$26,600 seawall is being constructed in front of beach house at Warren Dunes state park south of Bridgman to eliminate erosion threat to building. Robert Helmick of the development planning unit of the state department of Natural Resources, said project was

undertaken on emergency basis after high water washed away sand too close to building. George Miller and Sons Inc., St. Joseph, are installing 110 foot long wall flanked by 30 foot long wings. Wall is made of piling sunk 12-20 feet into ground. (Staff photos)



JOHN F. BEHNKE



LEE E. WEBB



JOHN F. KENNY JR.



WILLIAM G. HALL JR.



WILLIAM W. PORTER JR.



DANIEL J. ROESTER III

Lottery Calls Jam Phones

DETROIT (AP) — Hopeful lottery ticket holders created chaos for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Thursday by jamming phone lines with calls to the Detroit News to learn which lucky six digit number had been drawn.

A spokesman for the telephone company said the heavy surge of calls to the paper's recently published number impaired normal service during morning hours.

"People could only get dial tones," he said. "So we made a commercial radio and television announcement, over a two-hour period, asking that calls be made later in the day."

There has been no overload of calls on previous lottery days, the spokesman said. "The big jam occurred pretty much because all the calls were going to a single number," he said.

The Detroit telephone number was used for the first time this week. A similar number which went into use last week at the Oakland Press drew 360 calls an hour for the first three or four hours, but produced no problems with service, officials with the Oakland paper reported.

The new weekly number makes lucky ticket holders eligible for future superdrawings with a minimum \$10,000 prize and a maximum \$200,000 or a chance at the \$1 million drawing.

"It was hectic for awhile, and I'm glad things are back to normal," the spokesman added.

Utility Tax Is Extended

DETROIT (AP) — City residents will pay a five per cent excise tax on electric, gas and telephone bills for another 18 months, the city's Common Council has decided.

Judge Grants Firm Right To Foreclose

Judge William S. White of Berrien circuit court has granted Shell Oil Co. of Chicago the right to foreclose two mortgages on property in Benton township and St. Joseph as payment for an unpaid debt.

Shell filed suit last February claiming Robert C. Stahl and Lake Shore Motor Transit Lines, Inc., both of St. Joseph, were in default on a promissory note of \$14,750 executed on Dec. 21, 1970. The two mortgages were security for the note.

Atty. Robert Locke of St. Joseph, representing the defendants, said the order is actually a consent judgment and that there will be no foreclosure. A stipulation provides that Shell will convey right-of-way on two parcels of property behind the Shell Service station on I-94 and Napier avenue in Benton township and deliver landfill in return for payment on the balance of the note, he explained.

Court Petition Seeks Better Medical Facilities Inmate Criticizes Berrien Jail

An inmate of the Berrien county jail has filed a petition in circuit court asking for improved medical facilities in the jail at St. Joseph.

In the petition, Richard Smith, 29, of 3116 South 13th street, Niles, asks that Berrien Sheriff Forrest "Nick" Jewell be brought into court to answer

charges of insufficient and inadequate medical facilities in the jail.

Smith claims that inmates cannot secure complete and

proper medical assistance. "That's wrong," Jewell said today. He said Smith has received treatment at the jail and has been admitted to

Berrien General hospital twice and is there now.

"I can imagine a prisoner wanting to stay in the county hospital rather than the jail."

Smith drew a year in the county jail Dec. 22 on a guilty plea to possession of narcotics, and 120 days in jail Nov. 24 on a guilty plea to attempted jailbreak, the sheriff added.

Detroit Ignores New Vote Law

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Common Council has voted not to follow provisions of a new state law which calls for local primaries and general elections to be held in August and September, respectively.

Detroit voters will continue to ballot every fourth year in September and November, as provided by City Charter.



NEW OFFICER: Patrolman Alton Harrington, 28, of Lakeside recently joined the New Buffalo police department after serving seven years on a part-time basis with Chikaming township police. He is a graduate of Three Oaks high school, is married and the father of two sons. (Staff photo)

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Dec. 29 State Police Count
This year 2,220
Last Year 2,130

New Troopers Are Assigned To Area Posts

EAST LANSING — Four new state police troopers have been assigned to posts in southwestern Michigan.

All were among 64 graduates of the department's latest 13-week training program.

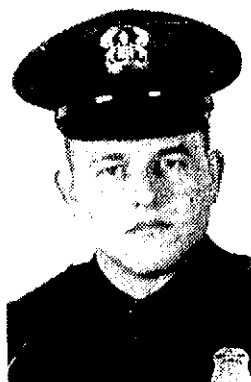
Assigned to the Benton Harbor post are Gregory W. Fouty, North Adams, and Edward J. VanHorn, Deford. Earl A. Morris Jr., Detroit, was assigned to the South Haven post and Richard B. Rothermel, Traverse City, was assigned to Niles.



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